

Aruba's ONLY English newspaper

From AM to PM, the fickle force of government is with you



Monday
July 4, 2022

T: 582-7800
www.arubatoday.com
facebook.com/arubatoday
instagram.com/arubatoday

Page 9



Silver Entrepreneurship Workshop successful

Several people dead in Copenhagen shopping mall shooting



Page 5

A serving of egg strata and juice is shown April 4, 2016, in Concord, N.H.

Associated Press

Hand4Addicts:
"Aruba's social problem is bigger than what they can handle"



Page 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 7 DAYS A WEEK

PROFESSIONAL COMPLIMENTARY PICTURES ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY



SUNDAY:
TICO KOCK
STEEL DRUM
4 - 6pm

MONDAY:
ANGELA FLORES
VIOLINIST
6:30 - 8:30pm

TUESDAY:
JEAN PAUL
SAXOPHONIST
6:30 - 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY:
CARLOS ORLATE
SINGER
6:30 - 8:30pm

THURSDAY:
MARRYBELL MADURO
SINGER
6:30 - 8:30pm

FRIDAY:
RICKY THOMAS
GUITAR
7 - 9pm

SATURDAY:
ANGELA FLORES
VIOLINIST
6:30 - 8:30pm

MARRYBELL MADURO
SINGER
6:30 - 8:30pm

Happy Hour
12 - 1 / 4 - 6 / 9 - 10

PREMIUM BRANDS

costa linda beach resort

WATER'S EDGE RESTAURANT & BAR

Tel +297 583 8000 Ext. 8106 | Reservations at wateredge-aruba.com | Elegant dining, spectacular ocean views enjoyed al fresco or in air conditioned comfort | Located at Costa Linda Beach Resort



TRAVEL INSURANCE ACCEPTED SEEK REIMBURSEMENT ONCE BACK HOME

NOORD MEDICAL CENTER, NOORD 63

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

FOR NON-LIFE THREATENING ILLNESSES AND INJURIES

WWW.URGENTCARE.AW

BOOK YOUR PCR & ANTIGEN TEST

WWW.COVIDARUBA.COM



Urgent Care Aruba

ARUBA
LIVING TODAY
Your partner in property mediation

PRESENTS

FONTON APARTMENTS
COMMANDEURS
"A way of living today"

(+297) 593 - 91 77 | randolph@livingtoday.aw | www.livingtoday.aw

sale starts now

PHASE 1
started september 2020

PHASE 2
approx. start 1st quarter 2021

PHASE 3
approx. start medio 2022

FULL SOLAR OCEAN VIEW COMMUNITY POOL ELEVATOR COVERED PARKING HOA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LOW MAINTENANCE

Starting at \$152,000,-

'Stay tuned' for new evidence against Trump in July hearings

By HOPE YEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — More evidence is emerging in the House's Jan. 6 investigation that lends support to recent testimony that President Donald Trump wanted to join an angry mob that marched to the Capitol where they rioted, a committee member said Sunday.

"There will be way more information and stay tuned," said Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill.

The committee has been intensifying its yearlong investigation into the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, and Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., the committee's vice chair, is making clear that criminal referrals to the Justice Department,



Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., speaks as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continues to reveal its findings of a year-long investigation, at the Capitol in Washington, June 23, 2022.

Associated Press

including against Trump, could follow.

At least two more hearings are scheduled this month that aim to show how

Trump illegally directed a violent mob toward the Capitol on Jan. 6, and then failed to take quick action to stop the attack once it

began.

The committee also has been reviewing new documentary film footage of Trump's final months in office, including interviews with Trump and members of his family.

Kinzinger, in a television interview, declined to disclose the new information he referred to and did not say who had provided it. He said many more details emerged after last week's testimony from former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson and that nothing had changed the committee's confidence in her credibility.

"There's information I can't say yet," he said. "We certainly would say that Cassidy Hutchinson has testified under oath, we find her credible, and anybody that wants to cast disparagements on that, who were firsthand present, should also testify under oath and not through anonymous sources."

In a separate interview, another committee member, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said: "We are following additional leads. I think those

leads will lead to new testimony."

In Hutchinson's appearance before the committee last week, Hutchinson painted a picture of Trump as an angry, defiant president who was trying to let armed supporters avoid security screenings at a rally on the morning of Jan. 6 to protest his 2020 election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

Legal experts have said Cassidy's testimony is potentially problematic for Trump as federal prosecutors investigate potential criminal wrongdoing.

"There could be more than one criminal referral," said Cheney in an interview that aired Sunday. She said the committee will decide later in the process whether to proceed.

Cassidy also recounted a conversation with Tony Ornato, Trump's deputy chief of staff for operations, who, she testified, said Trump later grabbed at the steering wheel of the presidential SUV when the Secret Service refused to let him go to the Capitol after the rally. □



Live Entertainment at 8pm

<p>MON Latin Dance Show</p>	<p>TUE Arts & Crafts Expression</p>
<p>WED Cultural Dance Show</p>	<p>THU Acrobatic Show</p>
<p>SUN Violin Show</p>	<p>Nightly Watershows 7:30pm - 8:30pm - 9:30pm</p>

WWW.PASEOHERENCIA.COM

CHICKEN & LOBSTER

3-COURSE MENU
+ 1 Glass of Wine of your choice

VALID FROM 4PM TO 7PM
and on TUESDAY all day **FOR ONLY \$29.95**

**NOT AN EARLY BIRD?
NO PROBLEM,
WE OFFER**

**a discount
of 15%**

f o i

J.E. IRAUSQUIN BVD. 87 ORANJESTAD, HIGHRISE PALM BEACH
+297 586 0909 | WWW.CHICKENANDLOBSTERARUBA.COM

From AM to PM, the fickle force of government is with you

By CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When you groggily roll out of bed and make breakfast, the government edges up to your kitchen table, too. Unlike you, it's perky.

It's an unseen force in your morning. The government makes sure you can see the nutrients in your cereal. It fusses over your toast, insisting that the flour it comes from has no more than 75 insect fragments and one rodent hair per 50 grams.

The government also tends to your coffee, mandating that no more than 10% of your beans be moldy. Its satellites inform the weather forecast on your phone for the day ahead. The government weighs in on the water consumption in your bathroom and controls the fluoride in your toothpaste.

That's all before you leave home. The government is going to be hanging with you on and off, mostly on, until you turn off the lamp last thing at night — no new incandescent bulbs, please, under a new rule. The world of federal regulation seems both boundless and microscopic. It touches what you touch. It lends a helping hand at every turn or sticks its clumsy fingers in everything, depending on your viewpoint.

But a Supreme Court ruling this past week, limiting



GE lightbulbs are displayed in a supermarket April 5, 2021 in New York.

Associated Press

federal authority to control carbon emissions from power plants, was just the latest blow to what critics call the regulatory state and potentially a major blow to the fight against global warming.

In its farthest reach, regulation has become the go-to way for presidents to make policy when they can't get Congress to pass a law, as on climate change. Barack Obama and Donald Trump did it for varied policies; Joe Biden does it. The court's conservative majority said not so fast to Biden.

The decision imperils Biden's goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by half by the end of the decade even as the damage from global warming mounts.

Beyond that, it may hinder regulation across a range of public policy, in education, transportation, LGBTQ rights and more.

Congress, the court said, must speak with specificity when it wants to give an agency authority to regulate on an issue of national import.

Browse the Code of Federal Regulations and you will see just how specific rule-making can be. The voluminous code's favorite words are "shall" and "must." Take sea otters, for example. If you've ever wondered how to measure a sea otter, the code has the answer.

The pool of water for sea otters in captivity, it stipulates, "shall be at least three

times the average adult length of the sea otter contained therein (measured in a horizontal line from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail) and the pool shall be not less than .91 meters (3.0 feet) deep."

Even as they've expanded government with landmark laws and the explosion of regulations that arise from them, U.S. presidents have tried since the start to simplify government. As vice president, Al Gore took a run at "reinventing" it. Such efforts generally haven't gone well.

Thomas Jefferson sought freedom from bureaucracy as well as the achievement of American liberty when he wrote of the British king, "He has erected a multitude

of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance."

What followed were several centuries of new offices and swarm upon swarm of bureaucrats come hither.

Associated Press writer Saul Pett took stock of the government in 1981 when President Ronald Reagan was trying to rein it in. Pett won a Pulitzer Prize for getting his hands around the behemoth. He described the government as:

"A big, bumbling, generous, naive, inquisitive, acquisitive, intrusive, meddlesome giant with a heart of gold and holes in his pockets, an incredible hulk, a '10-ton marshmallow' lumbering along an uncertain road of good intentions somewhere between capitalism and socialism, an implausible giant who fights wars, sends men to the moon, explores the ends of the universe, feeds the hungry, heals the sick, helps the helpless, a thumping complex of guilt trying mightily to make up for past sins to the satisfaction of nobody, a split personality who most of his life thought God helps those who help themselves and only recently concluded God needed help, a malleable, vulnerable colossus pulled every which way by everybody who wants a piece of him, which is everybody." □

Long-missing Alexander Hamilton letter put on public display

BOSTON (AP) — A letter written by Alexander Hamilton in 1780 and believed stolen decades ago from the Massachusetts state archives is going back on display — though not exactly in the room where it happened.

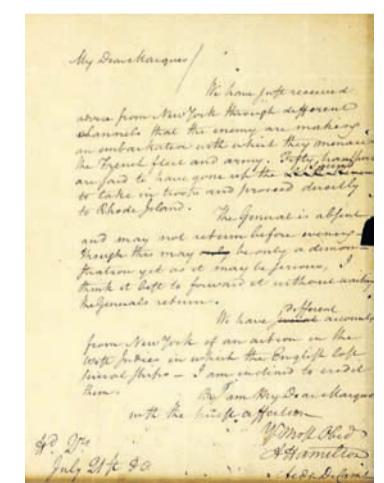
The founding father's letter will be the featured piece at the Commonwealth Museum's annual July Fourth exhibit, Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin's office says. It's the first time the public is getting a chance to see it since it was returned to the

state after a lengthy court battle. It will be featured alongside Massachusetts' original copy of the Declaration of Independence. Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury who's been getting renewed attention in recent years because of the hit Broadway musical that bears his name, wrote the letter to the Marquis de Lafayette, the French aristocrat who served as a general in the Continental Army. Dated July 21, 1780, it details an imminent British threat to French forces in

Rhode Island. "We have just received advice from New York through different channels that the enemy are making an embarkation with which they menace the French fleet and army. They are said to have gone with the [French] to take my troops and proceed directly to Rhode Island. The general is absent and may not return before many days, though this may be only a diversion. He is not yet as it may be necessary to think it best to forward it in those circumstances before his return."

The letter was forwarded by Massachusetts Gen. William Heath to state leaders, along with a request for

troops to support French allies, Galvin's office said. The letter was believed to have been stolen during World War II by a state archives worker, then sold privately. It resurfaced several years ago when an auctioneer in Virginia received it from a family that wanted to sell it. The auction house determined it had been stolen and contacted the FBI. A federal appeals court ruled in October that it belonged to the state. The Commonwealth Museum is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday. □



This image filed May 15, 2019 in federal court as part of a forfeiture complaint by the U.S. attorney's office in Boston, shows a 1780 letter from Alexander Hamilton to the Marquis de Lafayette, that was stolen from the Massachusetts Archives decades ago.

Associated Press

Police: Man shot was unarmed, officers feared he would fire

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A Black man shot and killed by Akron police officers in a hail of bullets following a vehicle and foot pursuit was unarmed at the time of the shooting, but a shot appeared to have come from the vehicle during the pursuit, and officers said they feared he was preparing to fire when they discharged their weapons, authorities said.

Police on Sunday released video the mayor called "heartbreaking" of the pursuit and shooting of Jayland Walker, 25, while pleading for peace and patience from the community while the state investigation into the shooting continues. It was not yet clear how many shots were fired, but Walker sustained more than 60 wounds. An attorney for Walker's family said he was on the ground while officers continued to fire.

Chief Steve Mylett said officers attempted to stop Walker's car early Monday for unspecified traffic and equipment violations, but less than a minute into a pursuit the sound of a shot was heard from the car and a transportation department camera captured what appeared to be a muzzle flash coming from the vehicle. Mylett said that changed the nature of the



Protesters march along South High Street on Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Akron, Ohio, calling for justice for Jayland Walker after he was fatally shot by Akron Police earlier in the week, following a vehicle and foot pursuit.

Associated Press

case from "a routine traffic stop to now a public safety issue."

Police said a few minutes later the car slowed and Walker emerged from the still-moving vehicle wearing a ski mask and fled on foot. A handgun, a loaded magazine and a wedding ring were found on the seat and a casing consistent with the weapon was later found at the point where officers believed a shot came from the vehicle.

After an unsuccessful attempt to use stun devices, the foot chase continued to a parking lot, at which point a crescendo of bul-

lets can be heard. Mylett said he has watched the video dozens of times and Walker's actions at the time are hard to distinguish, but a still photo seems to show him "going down to his waist area" and another appears to show him turning towards an officer and a third picture "captures a forward motion of his arm." After the shooting, the officers who fired were kept apart from each other and watched, and arriving investigators walked them individually through the scene, Mylett said.

"Each officer independent of each other related that

they felt that Mr. Walker had turned and was motioning and moving into a firing position," he said. Mylett said an officer firing at someone has to be "ready to explain why they did what they did, they need to be able to articulate what specific threats they were facing ... and they need to be held to account." But he said he is withholding judgment on their actions until they give their statements, and he said the union president has told him that all are "fully cooperating" with the investigation.

Police said more than 60

wounds were found on the body but more investigation will be needed to determine exactly how many rounds the eight officers fired and how many times Walker was hit. Officers provided aid, and one can be heard saying he still had a pulse, but he was pronounced dead at the scene, Mylett said.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost vowed a "complete, fair and expert investigation" and cautioned that "body-worn camera footage is just one view of the whole picture – before drawing conclusions, the full review must take place." The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on paid administrative leave, which is standard practice in such cases.

After the news conference, demonstrators marched through the city and gathered in front of the Akron justice center to call for accountability in the case. NAACP President Derrick Johnson released a statement saying Walker's death "wasn't self-defense, it wasn't an accident in the heat of the moment, it was murder. Point blank."

Walker's family is calling for accountability but also for peace, their lawyers said after the city released video of the shooting. □

Google to erase more location info as abortion bans expand



In this Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 file photo, the logo of Google is displayed on a carpet at the entrance hall of Google France in Paris.

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Google will automatically purge information about users who visit abortion clinics or other places that

could trigger legal problems now that the U.S. Supreme Court has opened the door for states to ban the termination of pregnan-

cies. The company behind the internet's dominant internet search engine and the Android software that powers most of the world's smartphones outlined the new privacy protections in a Friday blog post.

Besides automatically deleting visits to abortion clinics, Google also cited counseling centers, fertility centers, addiction treatment facilities, weight loss clinics, and cosmetic surgery clinics as other destinations that will be erased from users' location histories. Users have always had the option edit their location histories on their own, but Google will proactively do it for them as an added level of protection.

"We're committed to delivering robust privacy protections for people who use our products, and we will continue to look for new ways to strengthen and improve these protections," Jen Fitzpatrick, a Google senior vice president, wrote in the blog post.

The pledge comes amid escalating pressure on Google and other Big Tech companies to do more to shield the troves of sensitive personal information through their digital services and products from government authorities and other outsiders.

The calls for more stringent privacy controls were triggered by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision

overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. That reversal could make abortion illegal in more than a dozen states, raising the specter that records about people's location, texts, searches and emails could be used in prosecutions against abortion procedures or even for medical care sought in a miscarriage.

Like other technology companies, Google each year receives thousands of government demands for users' digital records as part of misconduct investigations. Google says it pushes back against search warrants and other demands that are overly broad or appear to be baseless. □

North Korea slams U.S.-South Korea-Japan military cooperation

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea on Sunday slammed the United States, South Korea and Japan for pushing to boost their trilateral military cooperation targeting the North, warning that the move is prompting urgent calls for the country to reinforce its military capability.

North Korea has long cited what it calls hostility by the United States and its allies as a reason to pursue a nuclear program. Sunday's statement comes as North Korea's neighbors say the country is ready for its first nuclear test in five years as part of its provocative run of weapons tests this year.

"The prevailing situation more urgently calls for building up the country's defense to actively cope with the rapid aggravation of the security environment of the Korean Peninsula and the rest of the world," the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement, without elaborating how it would boost its military capacity.

The statement took issue with a trilateral meeting among the U.S., South Korean and Japanese leaders on the sidelines of a NATO



President Joe Biden, center, meets with South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol, left, and Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, right, during the NATO summit in Madrid, June 29, 2022.

Associated Press

summit last week, during which they underscored the need to strengthen their cooperation to deal with North Korean nuclear threats.

"The chief executives of the U.S., Japan and South Korea put their heads together for confrontation with (North Korea) and discussed the dangerous joint military countermeasures against it including the launch of tripartite joint military exercises," the statement said.

North Korea views U.S.-led military exercises in the region, particularly ones with rival South Korea, as an invasion rehearsal, though Washington and Seoul have repeatedly said they have no intentions of attacking the North.

During the recent trilateral meeting, U.S. President Joe Biden said he was "deeply concerned" about North Korea's continued ballistic missile tests and apparent plans to conduct a nuclear test. South Korean Presi-

dent Yoon Suk Yeol said the importance of trilateral cooperation has grown in the face of North Korea's advanced nuclear program, while Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said joint anti-missile drills would be important to deter North Korean threats.

Earlier in June, the defense chiefs of the U.S., South Korea and Japan agreed to resume their combined missile warning and tracking exercises as part of their efforts to deal with North

Korea's escalating weapons tests.

The North Korean statement accused the United States of exaggerating rumors about North Korean threats "to provide an excuse for attaining military supremacy over the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean Peninsula."

U.S. officials have said Washington has no hostile intent toward Pyongyang and urged it to return to disarmament talks without any preconditions. North Korea has rejected the U.S. overture, saying it would focus on buttressing its nuclear deterrent unless the United States drops its hostile policies toward the North, an apparent reference to U.S.-led economic sanctions and its regular military training with South Korea. North Korea claimed the recent NATO summit proves an alleged U.S. plan to contain Russia and China by achieving the "militarization of Europe" and forming a NATO-like alliance in Asia. It said "the reckless military moves of the U.S. and its vassal forces" could lead to dangerous consequences like a nuclear war simultaneously taking place in both Europe and Asia-Pacific. □

Several people dead in Copenhagen shopping mall shooting

By JAN M. OLSEN and KARL RITTER

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

(AP) — A gunman opened fire in a Copenhagen shopping mall, one of the largest of its kind in Scandinavia, killing several people and wounding several others on Sunday, police said. The suspected gunman, who is in custody, is a 22-year-old Danish man who was detained near the Fields shopping mall on the southern outskirts of the capital, said police inspector Søren Thomassen, head of the Copenhagen police operations unit.

"We know that there are several dead" and "several injured," Thomassen told a news conference, adding that terror can't be ruled

out. "We do not have information that others are involved. This is what we know now."

He didn't provide any further details on the victims. The shopping center is on the outskirts of Copenhagen just across from a subway line that connects the city center with the international airport. A major highway also runs adjacent to Fields, which opened in 2004.

Images from the scene showed people running out of the mall, and Denmark's TV2 broadcaster posted a photo of a man being put on a stretcher. Witnesses said people were crying and hid in shops.

Laurits Hermansen told Danish broadcaster DR that he was in a clothing store

at the shopping center with his family when he heard "three-four bangs. Really loud bangs. It sounded like the shots were being fired just next to the store."

Copenhagen Mayor Sophie H. Andersen tweeted: "Terrible reports of shooting in Fields. We do not yet know for sure how many were injured or dead, but it is very serious."

Police said they were first alerted to the shooting at 5:36 p.m. (1536 GMT; 11:36 a.m. EDT). A huge presence of heavily-armed police officers was on hand, with several fire department vehicles also parked outside the mall.

"One person has been arrested in connection with the shooting at Fields. We currently are not able to



An ambulance and armed police outside the Field's shopping center, in Orestad, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sunday, July 3, 2022, after reports of shots fired.

Associated Press

say more about the person concerned," Copenhagen police tweeted. "We have a massive presence at Fields and are working on getting an overview." A concert by former One

Direction band member Harry Styles was scheduled to be held at 8 p.m. (1800 GMT; 2 p.m. EDT) at the nearby Royal Arena. It was unclear whether the concert would go ahead. □

U.N. condemns protesters' storming of Libya's parliament

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A senior U.N. official for Libya on Saturday condemned the storming of the parliament's headquarters in the east of the oil-rich country as part of protests in several cities the previous day against the political class and deteriorating economic conditions.

Hundreds of protesters marched in the streets of the capital, Tripoli, and other Libyan cities on Friday, with many attacking and setting fire to government buildings, including the House of Representatives in the eastern city of Tobruk. "The people's right to peacefully protest should be respected and protected but riots and acts of vandalism such as the storming of the House of Representatives headquarters late yesterday in Tobruk are totally unacceptable," said Stephanie Williams, the U.N. special adviser on Libya, on Twitter.

The Secretary-General is following with concern the demonstrations that were held in several cities in Libya, including Tripoli, Tobruk and Benghazi, on 1 July.

Recognizing the right to demonstrate peacefully,



Libya's charred parliament building is seen in Tobruk, Libya, Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Associated Press

he calls on all protestors to avoid acts of violence and on the security forces to exercise utmost restraint.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on all protesters "to avoid acts of violence and on the security forces to exercise utmost restraint," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

"The secretary-general urges Libyan actors to come together to overcome the continued political dead-

lock, which is deepening divisions and negatively impacting the country's economy," Dujarric said.

Friday's protests came a day after the leaders of the parliament and another legislative chamber based in Tripoli failed to reach an agreement on elections during U.N.-mediated talks in Geneva. The dispute now centers on the eligibility requirements for candidates, according to the

United Nations.

Libya failed to hold elections in December, following challenges such as legal disputes, controversial presidential hopefuls and the presence of rogue militias and foreign fighters in the country.

The failure to hold the December vote was a major blow to international efforts to bring peace to the Mediterranean nation. It has opened a new chap-

ter in its long-running political impasse, with two rival governments now claiming power after tentative steps toward unity in the past year.

The protesters, frustrated from years of chaos and division, have called for the removal of the current political class and elections to be held. They also rallied against dire economic conditions in the oil-rich nation, where prices have risen for fuel and bread and power outages are a regular occurrence.

Protesters also rallied on Saturday in Tripoli and several towns in western Libya, blocking roads and setting tires ablaze, according to livestreaming on social media.

There were fears that militias across the country could quash the protests as they did in 2020 demonstrations when they opened fire on people protesting dire economic conditions. Sabadell Jose, the European Union envoy in Libya, called on protesters to "avoid any type of violence." He said Friday's demonstrations demonstrated that people want "change through elections and their voices should be heard." □

Russian diplomats depart Bulgaria amid soaring tensions



Russian diplomatic staff wait at a check-in counter at Sofia's Airport, Bulgaria, Sunday, July 3 2022.

Associated Press

By VALENTINA PETROVA and STEPHEN McGRATH

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Two Russian airplanes departed Bulgaria on Sunday with scores of Russian diplomatic staff and their families amid a mass expulsion

that has sent tensions soaring between the historically close nations, a Russian diplomat said.

Filip Voskresenski, a high-ranking Russian diplomat, told journalists at the airport in Bulgaria's capital Sofia

before the flights left that he was among the 70 Russian diplomatic staff declared "persona non grata" last week and ordered to leave the country by the end of Sunday.

Bulgaria's expulsion decision was announced by acting Prime Minister Kiril Petkov, who took a strong stance against Russia after it invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24. Petkov, who lost a no-confidence vote on June 22, has claimed Moscow used "hybrid war" tactics to bring down his government.

Petkov has said that Russia will retain 43 of its employees after the expulsion and noted that Bulgaria has just 12 diplomatic staff in Moscow.

"Anyone who works against

the interests of Bulgaria will be called to go back to the country from which they came," he said.

On Friday, Russian Ambassador Eleonora Mitrofanova issued Bulgaria an ultimatum to reverse its decision and threatened that Moscow would fully sever diplomatic ties.

"I intend to urgently raise before the leadership of my country the issue of the closure of the Embassy of Russia in Bulgaria, which will inevitably lead to the closure of the Bulgarian diplomatic mission in Moscow," she said in a statement.

The expulsion, which has severely strained diplomatic ties, is the greatest ever number of Russian diplomats expelled by Bulgaria, which has Eu-

ropean Union and NATO membership. Bulgaria has strongly backed the West's sanctions against Moscow since it launched its war on Ukraine more than four months ago.

The European Union, which Bulgaria has been a member of since 2007, responded to Russia's "unjustified threat" and said it "stands in full support and solidarity with Bulgaria."

In late April, Russia cut off gas supplies to Bulgaria after officials refused a Moscow demand to pay gas bills in rubles, Russia's currency. Bulgaria's defense minister was also ousted in early March for referring to Russia's war as a "special military operation," the Kremlin-preferred description. □



Live Music Fri - Sat & Sun

Open Everyday 5PM - 11PM
Spectacular setting - all tables over the water

Bar snacks & drinks available
Reservations recommended

583-2666
www.pinchosaruba.com
reservations@pinchosgrillaruba.com



Follow Us

Aruba laid a wreath commemorating the National Day of Abolition of Slavery

At the Oosterpark in Amsterdam, on the first of July took place the national commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery by the Netherlands in 1863, for the colonies of Suriname and Netherlands Antilles. This year marks 159 years. Interim director of the Aruba House in the Netherlands, Glenda Hernandez laid a wreath on behalf of the government and the people of Aruba.

The Dutch minister for Legal Protection, Franc Weerwind; the mayor of Amsterdam, Femke Halsema; and Linda Nooitmeer, president of NiNsee, the institute which organized the commemoration, gave speeches during the event.

This year marks 20 years since the foundation of NiNsee, and since the commemoration started in 2002 with the unveiling of the 'Slavernijmonument' (slavery monument), which is a piece by sculptor Erwin de Vries.

A special guest invited to give a speech this year was president of the Central

Bank of the Netherlands (De Nederlandse Bank), Klaas Knot. During his speech, Mr. Knot described the role of De Nederlandse Bank in slavery and he expressed his apologies for the role that his organization had in slavery. At the same time, Mr. Knot mentioned that for the next ten years, De Nederlandse Bank will come up with a fund that must finance projects to minimize the effects of slavery on the descendants of slaves. These will be projects on the fields of Education, Health Care and Knowledge. De Nederlandse Bank will also invest a complete sum for educational projects, like the National Museum of Slavery, and a knowledge center for this museum.

The musical intermezzo at the commemoration was by Nyassa Alberta, who played the main role in the Tina Turner Musical together with the gospel choir ZO Gospel.

After the speeches, a one minute of silence was held during which the wreaths



were laid at the Slavernijmonument. Aside from Ms. Hernandez, other people who laid wreaths were the president of the Eerste Kamer (Dutch Senate), Jan Anthonie Bruijn; and the president of the Tweede Kamer (Dutch Congress), Vera Bergkamp; minister Weerwind; plenipotentiary minister of Curaçao, Carlson Manuel; plenipotentiary minister of Sint Maarten, Rene Violenus; ambassador of Suriname, Rajendre Khargi; and ambassador of Ghana, Mohammed Habib

Idris; as well as mayor of Amsterdam, Femke Halsema.

Pictures of Ms. Hernandez by photographer Pacao Núñez.



Klaas Knot (middle) apologized during the commemoration of the abolition of slavery at the Oosterpark for the role of De Nederlandse Bank in slavery. Image by Eva Plevier.

infini
by Urvin Croes

Welcome at our table

Step inside our meticulously designed Chef's Table restaurant, located on scenic Eagle Beach, for a 12-course menu prepared in front of your very own eyes.

Taste sensational dishes made by the team led by Chef Urvin Croes, where they explore without boundaries and offer a dining experience you will never forget.



Let us take you on a culinary journey

Chef Urvin Croes



www.infiniaruba.com

LOCAL



Papillon Restaurant presents:

Chef's Garden, culinary magic by European top chef in a romantic garden



PALM BEACH —A true once-in-a-lifetime experience. The secret garden is located in a traditional Aruban cunucu house creating a magical ambiance. The Chef's Garden is a 6-course surprise menu with authentic classic French dishes by Dutch top chef Patrick van der Donk. You will leave this culinary Garden of Eden in an enchanted state

creating a memory that will last a lifetime. Welcome in the world of wonders where ambiance, taste and service come together and you feel you are being welcomed in the home of the owner and her team.

Sometimes combining the best of the best is a matter of all things falling into place. Every Wednesday

from 7pm to 10pm you are welcomed to enter a world where food is a passion. Papillon Restaurant presents their guest chef Patrick van der Donk - and with The Chef's Garden menu being a fresh concept on the island, we're sure you will fall completely in love with this.

A bit about guest chef Patrick

Chef Patrick van der Donk is a true legend on Aruba. Chef Patrick attended culinary school in the Netherlands where he worked with several of the best Dutch chefs, including two 3-star Michelin chefs who taught him all the tricks of the trade. He was also inspired by self-taught Michelin star chef Raymond



Blanc OBE who has educated the most prominent British chefs of today.

The menu is carefully done with local products, fresh and perfectly matched with a selection of wines by local sommeliers. Vegan options are available; please inform them when you make your reservation.

The Secret Garden & Papillon

This is an in-home dining experience where you will feel

you are part of an exclusive setting. Private culinary events are the owner's specialty and their lush, tropical garden is also inviting for you to relax and indulge in hours of authentic culinary delights, a heaven to foodies. For more than a decade, Papillon restaurant has built a reputation with the fusion of classic French cuisine, Dutch and Caribbean flavors. They know how to thrill and in collaboration with The Secret Garden we can only expect phenomenal.□

MOVE IN READY!!

HARBOUR HOUSE Aruba

THE NEW DOWNTOWN LIVING
With the Most Spectacular View

Don't Miss Out 85% Already Sold!!
Visit us and check it out for yourself

(+297) 594 6395

Weststraat 2 | O'Stad, Aruba | sales@harbourhousearuba.com
WWW.HARBOURHOUSEARUBA.COM



For reservations:

Call or WhatsApp: +297 699 5400
Email: info@papillonaruba.com
Facebook Papillon Aruba



playa linda beach resort

YOUR PLACE IN THE SUN

RESORT OWNERSHIP AT
ARUBA FINEST TIMESHARE RESORT

Playa Linda Sales Office: Mon-Fri (8am-4pm)
sales@playalinda.com or call (+297)-586-1000
Toll free number: 1-888-281-4544

Silver Entrepreneurship Workshop successful

ORANJESTAD – From June 20 to June 24, 2022, the Department of Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry, through the unit Initiative for Business Development in Aruba IDEA, organized a workshop called 'Silver Entrepreneurship for retired or soon to be retired.

The workshop was for retired or soon-to-be-retired individuals who wanted to use their careers and share their life experiences in their business.

The workshop included a list of speakers who talked about a variety of subjects.

Mr. Dave Martinus, Certified Business Coach of ActionCOACH, presented "Resources to Help you Become an Entrepreneur" and focused on the need to work on your business and not only in your business.

Mrs. Louella Croes who is the Business Development Advisor at IDEA was present to share information about the guidance and education offered to all who want to open a business or to manage a business more efficiently and the way it should be.

Mrs. Mary Baarh, Head of the Establishment of Companies at the DEZHI, spoke about the required permits and laws to establish businesses, the definition of a business, the policies of the Government, and the procedure for the submission of a permit request.

Customs Aruba, Mr. Enrico Soto, and Mrs. Sharina Hernandez gave information about those who import products/materials for their commercial activities and those who export their

products. They also shared information about tax exemption for those who want to start commercial agriculture.

Mrs. Gayle Arendsz of the DEZHI shared the 17 SDGs with the participants and focused on Sustainable Corporation, the SDG Compass, and Sustainable Leadership.

Notary Johnson talked about legal business models: (proprietorship/ NV/VBA), business succession, differences in the legal form of companies, and inheritance and will. (What and to whom) as well as Mr. Cristian Garcia of the SVB informed them about the social premiums for employers and employees. The SVB emphasized that all employees must be registered and should pay these premiums from day one of being on the job.

Mrs. Julieta van der Biezen, financial controller and owner of You Count Administration & Consultancy, talked about Small Business Administration.

Mr. Ludwig Rasmijn and Mr. Randy Maduro of Santa Rosa talked about the possibilities of becoming an Agripreneur. They discussed Aquaponics, Hydroponics, local products, small garden, small plants, how to reduce costs, how to make your hobby your business, how a pensioner can benefit from their garden, and shared success stories of agripreneurs in Aruba.

Training Coach, Mr. Benny Richardson, a gentleman older than 80 years, talked about lifestyle and inspired all present about being

healthy and fit, which is the secret to staying in healthy shape;

Mr. Ulrich Hermans and Francois Croes, Innovation Advisors at Futura, talked about 'Future of Work', future skills for 2025, etc.

Mrs. Judella Trim of the DEACI unit IDEA talked about the importance of and how to make a business plan. And finally Mr. Lionel Rum-

nit, Job Coach at 'Tram-polin pa Trabao', talked about how he trains individuals with disabilities and prepares them for the labor market. The owner of Djiespie's Place, Mrs. Susie Franken, talked about her family business and its activities catered to seniors.

Mr. Merrill Robles (a pensioner), talked about how he helps the community through his business and outside of it.

The 16 participants received their certificate of participation presented by the Minister Geoffrey Wever.

A majority of the IDEA workshops are free, because the goal is to help entrepreneurs who want to start a business or take it to the next level. □

A BBQ FOR THE USA!

We're adding fire to the fireworks usually seen on 4th of July with this American-style BBQ here on the shores of Aruba. Mixologists will prepare unique cocktails, grill masters will cook amazing cuisine, musicians will play live music and everyone will celebrate fun, freedom and more!

MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 6-10 PM

Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach

\$49 pp* including welcome drink.
Kids 5 - 12 pay 1/2 price!

* + 15% service charge

R
RENAISSANCE®
WIND CREEK ARUBA RESORT



costa linda
beach resort

We see sunny days in your future
Meanwhile, stay safe. See you soon!

www.costalinda-aruba.com

Start this year's vacation with this amazing experience in the heart of Costa Linda Beach Resort. Water's Edge Restaurant is a jewel many had the pleasure to find!



Palm Beach – When you think of a restaurant that pleases the needs of a whole family or a large group of people with all different tastes? Think Water's Edge Restaurant. Located at the shore of Aruba's most wonderful beach, The Eagle Beach Aruba. Water's Edge Restaurant is guaranteed to serve you a fantastic magical night to remember. Whether you prefer to enjoy the view from indoors air conditioned comfort, outdoors in the soft tropical breeze or under a palapa with your toes in the sand. This spectacular restaurant offers the best ocean view sun-

set or sky full of stars dinner while the crispy Caribbean night wind caresses your face and plays with your hair.

From the minute you arrive there will be a great staff welcoming you with the most contagious smiles and warmth. The intense menu with a great variety of appetizers, main courses and delicious desserts will not disappoint. Seafood, Steaks and international favorites. All on one menu specially made just for you.

Culinary Voyage

Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the mouthwatering creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp. You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramelized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with home-made mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with home-made mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of

the most exclusive wine from the great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

Creating memories

If you are planning a birthday dinner, here you will receive a nice bottle of champagne to take home with you to extend your experience even further whether on the beach or your own private balcony.

Live entertainment

Just about every day of the week, there is a different live entertainment by the best local artists for you to enjoy. Whether you're in a romantic mood, or more in a swinging mood, there is absolutely a night especially for you where you can combine great music with delicious cocktails mixed with concoctions. In addition, Water's Edge offers three daily Happy Hours from 12pm-1pm, 4pm-6pm and again from 9pm-10pm with all premium brands specially priced.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Whether you join us for

breakfast, lunch or dinner, Water's Edge Restaurant & Bar offers a relaxed and inspirational dining experience overlooking the beautiful Eagle Beach with spectacular ocean views. Gather with friends and family for drinks and appetizers or a night of pampering and relaxation.

Thank you to all our guests

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to Thank all of our guests who showed us so much love and support all through 2021, and hopefully will continue to do so in 2022. What we are most grateful for is that we could get back to doing what we love, which is looking after our guests. So, thank you for every dinner, lunch, breakfast, very to-go order, every glass of wine, every birthday, anniversary and date-night that you spent with us this last year. To our new guests, Welcome! We hope you to see you back soon! □

 **WATER'S EDGE**
RESTAURANT & BAR

"Water's Edge Restaurant is where magnificent beach views, amazing food and excellent service come together."

Water's Edge is open daily from 8am - 11pm

To reserve your table please call +297 583-8000 / ext 8106 or direct line +297 586-9494

For more information about the menus, entertainment and hours, please visit the website watersedge-aruba.com

DISCOVER MORE OF ARUBA THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFUL STAMPS.

Buy from our stamps shop using the promo code **ATCNY** and receive a FREE Chinese New Year - souvenir sheet 2017

Valid until July 31, 2022



www.postaruba.com/stampshop

postaruba
Entregando cu experiencia

Hand4Addicts: “Aruba’s social problem is bigger than what they can handle”

The problem of homeless addicts on the streets of Aruba is one that sadly keeps growing every year, and until now, there is no concrete solution for this. Hand4Addicts is a foundation focused on providing help, beyond food, for this group. Founder and president of this foundation, Nicole de Cuba, explains where the idea came from to start this foundation, and what kind of work they do.

De Cuba explains that the idea started when she was volunteering with the Red Cross Aruba, and they had a budget to give homeless addicts something to eat every week; but then that budget was slashed. She started providing the help on her own, with loaves of bread, juice, etc. With other people's initiative at the time, people who no longer live on Aruba, it was decided to have a BBQ, which ended up becoming a big event and right there people started making donations of what was needed at that moment, like clothing, food and other essential items.

After this big event, De Cuba together with her team from that time decided to start selling cakes to gather funds to officially set up the foundation.

Every month, once a month – mostly the last week of the month since the person has not received their social welfare yet – Hand4Addicts go to the area behind Rancho, behind the parkinglot of Mango by the main street, and provide help for the addicts. They come with a ‘bath’, which they received from a sponsor, and they received other materials from other sponsors while the Fire Department helps with

water. The foundation provides clothes as well, and food to take away.

“We are there from morning until noon, or from noon until evening, depending on the situation. Practically they receive a shave and haircut, they eat, they have a bath. They come to chat and they know us for a long time already. I've been doing this for around seven or eight years already”, De Cuba told us.

De Cuba added that in December, because she doesn't eat meat, she used to prepare ham for the addicts and sit and talk with them. She explains that the holidays are a very emotional time for the addicts because they are on the streets and have no family, they don't have anyone.

“We go to them, and they gained the confidence and they respect us, they defend us completely. And at the end of the day, when they're done eating, they chat and tell us the good and the bad that they have done”, she said.

Regarding help from official agencies in charge of social welfare, De Cuba said that she finds it regrettable that on Aruba there is a system that is not working 100% to give support to this group.

She commented that a lot of the homeless addicts have had problems since they were young, grew up in orphanages of Casa Cuba or Imeldahof; or they have problematic parents where they saw drugs from an early age and were victims of abuse. Most of them come with a history that causes them pain, and using drugs is the only way which they can find an escape.



De Cuba highlights that she's met with the Governor, who back then called on her. She's met with various ministers of the current government, the old government, many times; and she says the plans that they have put forward, she sees them as clouds: plans which come, but are never realized.

She mentioned Centro Colorado, FMAA – where she herself did an internship a long time ago. But she saw the situation at the time the place was in a very poor condition, had no structure, and a lot of the addicts said that they rather be on the streets than at the center. De Cuba emphasizes that she doesn't know what the place is like currently, but from what she knows, a lot of people who come in said that they are allowed only one mistake, then they're out and back on the streets.

In positive cases where the addict managed to beat his addiction, De Cuba said that this is usually specifically because of the initiative of the addict's family. She said there isn't an agency that medically takes care of them, a lot of them don't carry a health insurance card or ID or anything. Their medical condition is poor where many of them have STDs, infections, cuts on their hands, they get into fights, etc., but often – unless they themselves walk from the city centre to the hospital in the northern area of the islands to receive help and then walk back to the city centre – they just remain on the streets without receiving medical help.

De Cuba says that she has spoken to the minister of Justice and Social Affairs, Rocco Tjon about a case involving a young man on

the streets, who they are trying to help because he is underage and his father is also an addict. She explains that she speaks to the minister regarding specific cases that are really difficult, but she emphasizes that there isn't a good team or source of care for this problem. There are agencies and foundations that help, but it's not always the same. “For years already this is a group that is seriously neglected and even though I understand that they are annoying – they break in, they steal, they are rude to people – I understand that is annoying for us non-addicts. But on the other side, I also understand their addiction”, she added.

De Cuba tells the story of a case where an addict managed to beat his addiction and received the help he needed to stand back on his feet. This person managed to get a job, but when his colleagues recognized him as a former homeless addict, a ‘choller’, he became a victim of bullying to the point where he fell back into drugs. “Aruba's social problem is a lot bigger than what they can handle.”

De Cuba commented that before she was a volunteer with the Red Cross, she used to pass judgement and she highlights that this is the mentality with which a lot of people were brought up. But when she found out the other side of the story and actually talked to the addicts – even though they lie here and there – she understood the root of the problem. “What I always say is to just take the chance before you judge one of these people, instead of scolding them, yelling at them, push them away from you, just treat them as a person, and you will see a completely different behavior, who they really are”, she finalized.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Why don't we!"

5 Walk unevenly

9 Confusion

10 Pop stars

12 Flared dress

13 Cruller's kin

14 Sand substance

16 Anger

17 Beholds

18 Zany

21 Snaky shape

22 Disavowal

23 Singer Neville

24 Arthur's adviser

26 Used a chair

29 Of a major artery

30 Diamond corner

31 Scary shout

32 Serengeti setting

34 "My Fair Lady" lady

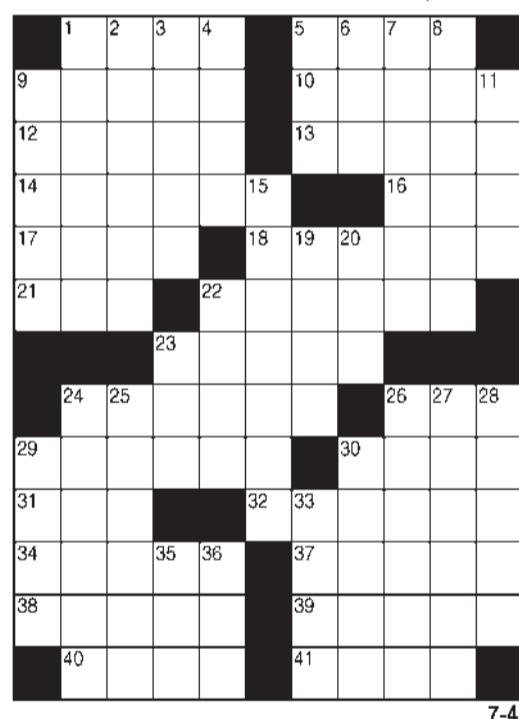
37 Beer type

38 Oxford parts

39 Clickable pictures

40 Knot of hair

41 Pitched shelter

**Saturday's answer**

7-4

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-4

CRYPTOQUOTE

F R O Y T A H , J S Y C R A O Y M R C L

A D A X Z Y T D D A , R L X V F X C A

D P T X V R U M T D J A S . — M Y D T M Y

J X L S R C M A D C

Saturday's Cryptoquote: A LIE GETS HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD BEFORE THE TRUTH HAS A CHANCE TO GET ITS PANTS ON. — WINSTON CHURCHILL

The worst hidden travel fees and how to avoid them

People pass through Salt Lake City International Airport Monday, June 27, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

By SAM KEMMIS of **Nerd-Wallet**

With travel prices soaring, customers might be tempted to pick the cheapest base option they find. But the base price of airfare and hotels represents only a fraction of the total costs. A parade of add-on fees await any traveler trying to navigate the checkout process, ballooning the final price. Experts call it "drip pricing."

"It's called 'drip' because surcharges and fees drip out throughout the shopping process," says Vicki Morwitz, a professor of business and marketing at the Columbia Business School. Customers tend to overpay when prices are presented this way, according to a study conducted by Morwitz and her colleagues.

"Customers are more likely to select an option that looks cheaper upfront. Even when they later realize it's more expensive than they anticipated, they're more likely to stick with it," she says.

From resort fees and boarding-pass printing fees (yes, that's a thing), companies were padding their bottom lines with these add-ons even before inflation soared this year. Avoiding them requires diligence

and know-how.

HOTEL RESORT FEES

Resort fees, which are sometimes called "facility fees" or "destination fees" purportedly cover amenities like internet and pool access. But because the fees are mandatory, they act as hidden costs for booking a room that don't appear until final checkout.

"Resort fees are the only travel fee that has no correlation to any actual service or product," says Lauren Wolfe, counsel at Travelers United, an advocacy group for travelers. She's also the founder of the website Kill Resort Fees. "If your hotel charges for parking, if you don't have a car, you don't pay to park. Hotel resort fees, though, are almost impossible to get out of even if you decline amenities."

Here are some tips to minimize these pesky fees:

— Pay with points at brands that waive resort fees for award stays, like Hilton and Hyatt.

— Ask the front desk to waive the fee. "It is probably not likely to work but you can always ask nicely," Wolfe says.

— Look for a search option on a hotel website or app to "show rate with taxes and

fees" or similar. This will help compare real prices directly and avoid the hassle of clicking through to the final checkout windows.

AIRLINE SEAT SELECTION FEES

Despite a recent uptick, the cost of airfare has actually been dropping for years. That might sound like good news, but that hides a hidden trend: Airlines have been gathering more of their revenue from add-on fees while lowering the base price of airfare.

Charging for seat selection is one of the newest, and most galling, tricks. These fees usually appear during checkout and often seem mandatory.

These fees are almost always avoidable, though. Simply skipping the seat selection process and letting the airline assign a seat at a later date is often the wisest choice if you don't mind the risk of getting stuck with a middle seat.

Airlines want customers to pay these fees, of course, and often share scary warnings about the dangers of not picking a seat. But skipping seat selection doesn't increase your chances of getting bumped from a flight.

And note that some airlines, such as Southwest, don't charge for seat selection.

VACATION RENTAL CLEANING FEES

Everyone wants a clean vacation rental, but nobody wants to pay exorbitant cleaning fees that can exceed the base cost of the rental.

It's almost impossible to avoid these fees outright, as most properties carry them. But it is possible to avoid paying too much.

Most vacation rental platforms, including Airbnb, offer some option to compare "total price," which includes cleaning and other fees. It isn't always easy to filter and sort on total price, but seeing this price on the search screen rather than the checkout screen can vastly simplify comparison shopping. □

Honey Dolls
MASSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE

Beautiful Latin Girls
Pick-up & Delivery

Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders

24/7

+297 565-9535

WWW.PLEASUREINARUBA.COM

Australia prioritizes reducing emissions and cheaper EVs

By ROD McGUIRK

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia's new government is putting climate change at the top of its legislative agenda when Parliament sits next month for the first time since the May 21 election, with bills to enshrine a cut in greenhouse gas emissions and make electric cars cheaper, a minister said on Wednesday.

A bill will be introduced to commit Australia to reducing its emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by 2030 when Parliament sits on July 26, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen told the National Press Club.

Another bill would abolish import tariffs and taxes for electric vehicles that are cheaper than the luxury car threshold of 77,565 Australian dollars (\$53,580).

Only 1.5% of cars sold in Australia are electric or plug-in hybrid, and passenger cars account for almost 10% of the nation's emissions, the government said. The new center-left Labor Party government expects EVs will account for 89% of Australian new car sales by 2030.

The government's fleet will be converted to 75% no-emission vehicles, bolstering a second-hand EV market as government vehicles are sold after three years.

The new government has



The GAMF Hungary car from Hungary competes during the first day of the 2015 World Solar Challenge near Katherine, Australia, on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

already officially informed the United Nations of Australia's more ambitious 2030 target than the previous conservative Liberal Party-led administration had pursued, a reduction of 26% to 28%.

But Bowen said legislating the 43% target would create greater confidence. "It's about certainty and stability, mainly for the business investment community," Bowen said.

"It sends a signal if a parliament hasn't legislated that maybe the country's not serious. Maybe a future government, heaven forbid a Liberal government, might walk it back," Bowen added.

Opposition leader Peter Dutton has ruled out his Liberal Party senators getting the Labor target through

the upper chamber. Labor holds only 26 seats in the 76-seat Senate so needs outside help to pass its legislative agenda.

If Labor got all 12 senators from the minor Greens party to support the target, the government would only need to persuade one of six remaining independent or unaligned legislators to



Editor

Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.
Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668
Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.
Acc. #23951903
RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

Assistant Director

Xiomara Arends

Editors

Pilar Flores
Richard Brooks

Sales

Sulaika Croes

Classifieds

classified@cspnv.com

Distribution and Collection

accounting@bondia.com

Social / Website

Juan Luis Pinto

Columnists

Anthony Croes

Weststraat 22

T: 582-7800

E: news@arubatoday.com

W: www.arubatoday.com

@arubatoday

reach a majority.

Greens leader Adam Bandt has said he will push the government to ban new coal mines and gas projects when that target legislation is negotiated. The Greens want Australian emissions reduced by 75% by 2030.

Australia's greenhouse gas emissions rose last year by 0.8%, or 4.1 million metric tons (4.5 million U.S. tons). □

Associated Press



HEALTH

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm
Tel. 527 4000

San Nicolas

Imsan 24 hours
Tel. 524 8833

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:
Sta. Cruz Tel. 585 8028

San Nicolas:
San Lucas Tel. 584 5119

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850
Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002
Urgent Care 586 0448
Walk-In Doctor's Clinic
+297 588 0539

EMERGENCY

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	911
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

TRAVEL INFO

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Impaired
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Fundacion Contra Violencia
Relacional Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118

Like us on Facebook

facebook.com/arubatoday/

ARUBA TODAY

BONDIA ARUBA

How to reach us!

Downtown

High Rise Hotels

Bus terminal

Weststraat

Royal Plaza Mall

L.G. Smith Boulevard

Weststraat

Schepstraat

Schepstraat

Caya G.F. Betico Croes

Caya G.F. Betico Croes

ARUBA TODAY

BONDIA

How to reach us!

Map: A magnifying glass highlights the location of the Aruba Today and Bondia offices on a map of downtown Willemstad.

Contact Information:

- Editor:** Caribbean Speed Printers N.V., Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668, Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V. Acc. #23951903, RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772
- Assistant Director:** Xiomara Arends
- Editors:** Pilar Flores, Richard Brooks
- Sales:** Sulaika Croes
- Classifieds:** classified@cspnv.com
- Distribution and Collection:** accounting@bondia.com
- Social / Website:** Juan Luis Pinto
- Columnists:** Anthony Croes
- Address:** Weststraat 22, T: 582-7800, E: news@arubatoday.com, W: www.arubatoday.com, @arubatoday

We are the #1 Rental Timeshare agent for Aruba!

We also RENT Aruba weeks for owners, Contact us to BUY, SELL or RENT any timeshare property.

Contact: michelle@conciergerealty.com
888-888-2204 Ext 104
Website: www.conciergerealty.com
Broker: Michelle Donato
www.facebook.com/groups/MarriottArubaSurf/
www.facebook.com/groups/MarriottAruba/Ocean

Song by song, country star Luke Combs grows into stadiums

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Luke Combs is making big leaps this year in his unprecedented rise to the top of country music, both personally and professionally.

The North Carolina-born singer, who holds a Billboard record with 14 consecutive No. 1 country airplay singles with hits like "Beer Never Broke My Heart" and "Beautiful Crazy," graduated from arenas to selling out football stadiums this year.

But as the 32-year-old Combs was preparing to sing in front of a packed-out Nissan Stadium during last month's CMA Fest, he had something more personal on his mind.

Inside his truck parked at the stadium was a hospital bag, waiting for word that his wife, Nicole, was ready to deliver their first child. As it turned out, Combs became a first-time dad with the birth of their son, Tex Lawrence Combs, on Father's Day.

"When we walk off stage tonight, it's like the next journey is being a parent, you know?" Combs said, while backstage at Nissan Stadium earlier in June. "That's like my sole focus after this." The reigning CMA entertainer of the year has spent



Luke Combs performs during CMA Fest 2022 in Nashville, Tenn., on June 11, 2022.

Associated Press

the last decade concentrated on getting to where he's at now. But as he's ascends a peak most country artists will never reach, his mind is on the unknowns of being a new parent.

"I've never operated in any other way in the last 10 years besides trying to be the best I can be at this thing I do now," Combs reflected. "So trying to figure out the balancing act of those two things is mildly

stressful, but also really exciting."

His aptly titled new record "Growin' Up," out now, shows Combs recognizing what a transitional period it's been for him. "Doin' This," the lead song, is an autobiographical reflection on the idea that even if no one had discovered him, he'd still be singing in a bar in a no-name town on a Friday night.

"It was never about the

amount of success or how many awards you have," he said. "You just appreciate being able to do it at all."

What's kept him grounded despite scaling up is his loyalty to the people who believed in him at the beginning, as well as bringing along those he felt deserved a chance in the big leagues. He's the kind of guy who records songs he wrote with his guitar tech,

Jaime Davis, and then cut a duet he wrote with fellow superstar Miranda Lambert. His manager, Chris Kappy, had never managed an artist before he convinced Combs to let him represent him.

"A lot of those band members, a lot of those players that are playing the stadium are the same ones that were playing the clubs with him at the beginning," said Randy Goodman, chairman and CEO of Sony Music Nashville.

Goodman said when he signed Combs, the young singer already had a strong fan base who were packing out shows.

"What he had even in that moment was a seasoned aspect of it, a maturity, a self-awareness about his instrument, his voice and the songs that he was singing and the connectivity," Goodman said.

This year's tour only features three stadiums, the first shows in Denver and Seattle earlier this year and one on July 30 in Atlanta, so it's become a test run for what is likely many more stadium gigs to come. Combs admits that he's been more on the cautious side than some of his team when it comes to booking stadiums. □

Review: Imagine Dragons offer light at the end of the tunnel



This cover image released by Interscope shows "Mercury — Act 2," by Imagine Dragons.

Associated Press

AP Entertainment Writer

If you were hiding under your bed after listening to the last album by Imagine Dragons, it's time to come out. The second volume of "Mercury" is upbeat, often Caribbean-spiced and throbbing. It's the sound of a band getting its arena groove back.

"Act 1" in 2021 was all plucky strings, seething beats and grand electronic synths as lead singer, songwriter and lyricist Dan Reynolds poured heartache, tragedy and his struggles with sobriety into a raw, confessional and searing album. The cover depicted a man falling.

The cover of "Act 2" could be of a man jumping, and that seems to fit many of the close to 20 new tracks,

which are wistful, confessional and owning weakness, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Take the eclectic, slightly deranged "I'm Happy," a title that could never appear on "Act. 1," with Reynolds singing "Even when I might fall down/I know my luck come back around."

Much of the album is thankful for his partner, like the loving "Symphony" — a trop-rock ditty written seemingly under a palm tree — with the lyrics: "I'm the chord/ And you're the melody."

The band hits new heights with "Sharks," a richly textured, eerie anthem about selfishness, and "Bones," a banger with that reggaeton, sing-along Imagine catchy magic.

Not all the songs succeed, as one might suspect from such a stuffed album. There's an uncooked quality to "Crushed," "Ferris Wheel," and "Take It Easy," and a naïve quality to "Tied" and "Continual," while the regretful ballads "I Wish" and "They Don't Know You Like I Do" might better off serve as therapy for Reynolds.

But don't sleep on "Sirens" and "I Don't Like Myself," two mid-tempo, expertly crafted tunes that take the band in different directions. And on "Higher Ground," the band is really cooking, with lyrics that could sum the entire second album up: "What a life/I live until I die/Won't fail unless I try/Bleeding, keep on breathing." □

McKenzie superb for 7 innings as Guardians edge Yankees 2-0

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — About the same time New York

Yankees star Aaron Judge grabbed a helmet and bat to pinch-hit, the Guardians committed a ninth-inning error that threatened to sabotage a great win.

In the moment, manager Terry Francona's emotions nearly got the best of him.

"When the ball came out of his glove, I almost started crying," Francona said.

Cleveland pulled it together.

Triston McKenzie shut down New York's big-bashing lineup over seven superb innings in a combined one-hitter and closer Emmanuel Clase survived a harrowing ninth, giving the Guardians a 2-0 win over the Yankees on Sunday.

Franmil Reyes drove in both Cleveland runs — homering in the fourth and hitting a clutch RBI single in the eighth — as the Guardians salvaged the series finale and handed the Yankees just their seventh loss in 32 games.

McKenzie (5-6) allowed only a broken-bat single to Josh Donaldson in the fourth. The right-hander, who has been hurt by giving up home runs this season, kept the ball in the park and the Yankees off balance.

"I don't think any of us came into this game looking at the Yankees as the No. 1 team in baseball," McKenzie said.

"We came out here looking at them as a team we have to beat."

Eli Morgan worked a 1-2-3 in the eighth before giving way to Clase, the AL's top reliever in June, for a ninth that had a little of everything.

Clase walked Anthony Rizzo leading off and got Giancarlo Stanton to hit a slow grounder that should have been an out, but first baseman Owen Miller dropped the throw. The right-hander retired the next two before the Yankees summoned Judge, who leads the majors with 29 homers but wasn't in the starting lineup.

"He looked like he was swinging four bats over there in the dugout," Francona cracked.

With the crowd at Progressive Field hanging on every pitch, Clase went to a full count before walking Judge to load the bases. He then retired Aaron Hicks on a grounder to second for the final out and his 19th save in 21 chances.

"You don't expect him to throw three sliders in a row," said Hicks, who dropped to .138 (8 for 58) in his career with the bases loaded. "I just got jammed trying to hit the ball up the middle and got out."

The Yankees reached the 80-game mark at 58-22, the third-best start through that many games since 1930.

New York won the first



Cleveland Guardians starting pitcher Triston McKenzie delivers against the New York Yankees during the first inning of a baseball game in Cleveland, Sunday, July 3, 2022.

Associated Press

two games of the series, sweeping a doubleheader Saturday by a combined 19-5. Baseball's best team seemed poised to take

the entire three-game set and six-game season series against Cleveland.

But McKenzie, who had given up multiple homers in

six of his previous eight outings, came through with a stellar start.

"I think the difference between this outing and the last couple outings was making them feel a little more uncomfortable at the plate and using all my pitches to both sides," McKenzie said. "I used my curveball well to kind of slow them down and I think that just helped keep guys off balance and helped keep my heater kind of useful from the first inning to the last inning."

Reyes homered leading off the fourth inning against Jordan Montgomery (3-2), who pitched well but didn't get the run support, an unusual occurrence for a Yankees team winning at a record pace. □

Everyday triple points

Totally sanitized table and chips.

ORCHID CASINO

Located in the Riu Antillas (formerly the Westin)
welcomes you to RESERVE YOUR OWN PRIVATE TABLE
for you and your party.

Orchid Casino

RESERVE your Private Table

**Call 525 7777 ext.209
to make a reservation.**

Wimbledon wild-card entry steals set, not win, from Djokovic

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Even knowing what a chaotic Wimbledon this has been, what with so many unexpected results and new faces popping up, and so few top seeds — and fewer major champions — remaining, surely Novak Djokovic would not lose to a wild-card entry making his Grand Slam debut, would he?

If it did not quite seem plausible, it did at least become vaguely possible a tad past 9:30 p.m. on Sunday night under the closed roof at Centre Court, when 25-year-old Dutchman Tim van Rijthoven — ranking: 104th; lifetime tour-level victories: eight, all in the past month — had the temerity



Serbia's Novak Djokovic falls while attempting to return the ball to Tim van Rijthoven of the Netherlands during a men's fourth round singles match on day seven of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Sunday, July 3, 2022.

Associated Press

to smack a 133 mph ace past Djokovic and even their fourth-round match at a set apiece.

All of nine minutes later, the time it took Djokovic to grab

12 of the next 15 points, and the next three games, both plausibility and possibility took a hike. Soon enough, the third set was his, and not much later, so was the

fourth, and the match, a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 result that gave the tournament's No. 1 seed a 25th consecutive grass-court victory at the All England Club and a place in his 13th Wimbledon quarterfinal.

Beforehand, van Rijthoven had said: "I'll go into that match thinking I can win." Might have still had that sense Sunday evening.

Eventually, though, the only true question was whether Djokovic would wrap this one up in time, because there is an 11 p.m. curfew (he closed the deal with 20 minutes to spare).

They did not begin playing until 8 p.m., in part due to a delay of roughly an hour at the start of this special afternoon — the first time in history the tournament's middle Sunday held scheduled play — while a ceremony was held to honor the 100 years of Centre Court.

Djokovic was among the many past champions who took part, joking to the crowd when it was his turn to speak, "Gosh, I feel more nervous than when I'm playing."

If he was, indeed, jittery at all at a set apiece many hours later against van Rijthoven, it certainly did not show. Didn't matter that van Rijthoven kept cranking out huge serves, to the tune of 20 aces, including a pair on second serves. Didn't matter just how big the cuts were that van Rijthoven took with his flat forehands. Didn't matter that the spectators, who love an underdog, were getting louder and louder as the second set came to a close. Didn't matter that Djokovic slipped behind the baseline twice, landing first on his backside, later on his left knee and stomach.

Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia, calibrated his best-in-the-game returns, got his groundstrokes in fine form — finishing with just 19 unforced errors, compared to 29 winners — and was in complete control, a step closer to all manner of important numbers. His pursuit of a fourth consecutive,

and seventh overall, title at Wimbledon, not to mention a 21st major championship, will continue Tuesday against No. 10 seed Jannik Sinner of Italy.

Sinner reached his first quarterfinal at the All England Club by eliminating No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-3 earlier.

The other quarterfinal on their half of the bracket will be No. 9 Cam Norrie of Britain against unseeded David Goffin of Belgium. They each advanced by beating Americans: Norrie beat No. 30 Tommy Paul 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 to get to his first major quarterfinal, and Goffin edged No. 23 Frances Tiafoe 7-6 (3), 5-7, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 over more than 4 1/2 hours. The rest of the fourth round is Monday, and the only men left in the field who ever have participated in a Grand Slam final are Djokovic and 22-time major champion Rafael Nadal. They are also the only men still around ranked in the top 10.

It's a similarly unfamiliar collection of players chasing the women's championship, with just one who has appeared in a Grand Slam final (two-time major title winner Simona Halep, who plays Monday) and just two who were among the top 15 seeds at Wimbledon (No. 3 Ons Jabeur and No. 4 Paula Badosa, who plays Monday).

Jabeur made it to the quarterfinals at the All England Club for the second year in a row with a 7-6 (9), 6-4 victory against No. 24 Elise Mertens of Belgium. The other women moving on Sunday are unseeded and in unfamiliar territory, never having been in any major quarterfinal.

Jabeur next plays Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic, while Tatjana Maria, 34, and Jule Niemeier, 22, will meet in an all-German quarterfinal.

Bouzkova topped Caroline Garcia 7-5, 6-2, Maria defeated 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko 5-7, 7-5, 7-5 after erasing two match points, and Niemeier beat Heather Watson 6-2, 6-4. □

A BBQ FOR THE USA!

We're adding fire to the fireworks usually seen on 4th of July with this American-style BBQ here on the shores of Aruba. Mixologists will prepare unique cocktails, grill masters will cook amazing cuisine, the DJ will be rocking out and everyone will celebrate fun, freedom and more!

MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 6-10 PM

Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach

\$49 pp* including welcome drink.
Kids 5-12 pay 1/2 price!

* + 15% service charge

RENAISSANCE®
WIND CREEK ARUBA RESORT